

COACHES

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random plays they remember about half of the time," Johnston said. The team practices twice a week for an hour and plays games every weekend.

Both coaches caution it takes a lot of patience to deal with a rowdy bunch of kids, but they say the kids have taught them a lot about having fun.

"Taking time to be with kids their age reminds you to have fun and keep a smile on your face," Johnston said.

When asked what the student coaches taught them, one 9-year-old yelled out "running," another said "defense," while yet another jeered "boringness."

Ten-year-old Alexander Thames said his favorite part of practice was scrimmaging, "because it's fun and they don't boss you around."

"They give us good advice," said 9-year-old Sean McCann.

Another student who volunteers through Kidsports, senior Curt Euler, coaches a sixth-grade girls basketball team.

Euler said he doesn't mind volunteering. He said he just wants to teach his team basic skills while still making practices fun.

"If they are having fun, they are more into practice, instead of, 'Now we're doing drills and now we're doing shots,'" he said.

Euler said he started out being the serious coach, but has since then taken a more lenient attitude.

"Mine are pretty rowdy," he said. "We clown around a lot and the big thing to do is to steal the coach's hat."

'As long as the guys who are participating are having a good time, then it's OK.'

—Patrick Johnston,
Kidsports basketball coach

"It's sort of a mixture between teacher, babysitter, and clown," he said.

Euler said he has learned how to have fun, and gained a sense of pride coaching the team.

"Watching them improve, you get so much satisfaction seeing them make a fast break, a screen pass, or a pick and roll," he said.

Euler said his team members seemed to develop a sense of timing, and that watching them improve was fun and great to watch.

"We had a little streak where we couldn't score," Euler said. "So I told them if you score over 20 points I'll buy you a pizza."

"They scored 30 points the next game."

Euler said they had more fun with the game, relaxed more, and were able to make the shots.

"I had as much fun as they did," he said.

Brenda Beaton, Kidsports southeast area program director, said she is constantly seeking volunteers for the various sports they organize.



Robertson (left) and coach Patrick Johnston talk with grade-school players. Johnston (below) uses paper-scissors-rock to decide who will substitute in the scrimmage.

Sports include spring soccer, basketball, softball, flag and tackle football, and volleyball. Beaton said usually about 80 percent of the coaches are parents of the kids, and that she would like to see more student involvement.

"We always are short coaches and a lot of the reason why we turn to parents is there are not enough students to volunteer," she said.

Kidsports student volunteers can acquire practicum credit through the leisure studies department.



GENITAL HERPES STUDY

The Oregon Research Group, a clinic specializing in medical research, seeks female volunteers for an investigational medication study for recurring genital herpes. Women who have frequent outbreaks (more than six per year) and who are otherwise healthy, may qualify.

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UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Forensics sweeps

The University forensics team swept last week's Western Washington Forensics Tournament, coming in first place overall.

The team is now ranked sixth among 280 programs nationwide, said forensics program Director David Frank.

Senior debate partners Trond Jacobsen and Ted Prorise took first place in open division debate. Senior Kindra Abbott took first place in individual dramatic competition. And senior Ann Swanson topped her competitors in informative presentation.

Senior Pete Mohn was the third best speaker at the Washington tournament.

The forensics team competes again next weekend at the University of Kansas.

OSPIRG to host panel

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group will be hosting a panel discussion Wednesday night as a part of its 1992 Safe Drinking Water Campaign. State Sen. Grattan Kerrans, D-Eugene, will speak at the discussion, which will be held in the EMU International Lounge at 6:30.

OSPIRG kicked off its campaign, a statewide legislative effort, Feb. 10. The campaign has three platforms aimed at improving the quality of the state's drinking water.

OSPIRG wants to expand citizens' right to know about what chemicals are being used in their communities, to start aggressive water clean-

up programs, and to prevent future contamination of water supplies.

According to OSPIRG reports, more than 75 percent of Oregonians depend on groundwater for all or part of their drinking water. Groundwater is increasingly at risk of contamination from industrial chemicals, pesticides and other agricultural chemicals.

EMU gives plates a spin

The EMU is in the second week of a two-week test program on utensils and plates in the Skylight Cafe.

The paper plates and plastic forks, knives and spoons that were previously given out there have been replaced by ceramic plates and metal utensils, in an effort to cut down on waste.

If enough of the new plates and utensils are stolen during the trial period, however, the EMU will go back to using the others, said Jonathon Schwartz, of the Student/Faculty Committee on Environmental Issues.

Schwartz and committee member Eric Jones proposed the idea.

Schwartz said the new plates and utensils are similar to the ones used in the Fountain Court Cafe, but because the Skylight is less centrally located, containment of the items has been a concern.

If students have suggestions or comments about ways to cut down on waste in other food service areas at the University, contact Schwartz at the Survival Center in EMU Suite 1.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Volunteers needed

at 683-9000.

A Eugene organization is looking for volunteers to perform in various capacities, including as counselors, drivers and campground site hosts.

The Voluntary Action Center is looking for intake counselors to work Fridays for Lane County Legal Aid, maintenance people to work at Womenspace and drivers to work at the American Cancer Society.

Commissary workers are also needed for five hours a week at Lane County Adult Corrections and campground hosts are being sought to work for the Willamette National Forest.

For more information on these and other opportunities call the Volunteer Connection

Quicker filing offered

The IRS is reminding taxpayers that they can speed up the often dreaded process of tax return preparation by filing electronically.

People can cut the time it takes to get their refunds back by three weeks by filing electronically, according to the Department of Treasury. And the return can be deposited directly into a person's savings or checking account, speeding up the process even more.

A prepared tax return can be taken to an IRS-approved filer who then sends it to the IRS. The IRS encourages people to consult the telephone directory for a list of acceptable electron-

ic filers.

The IRS will acknowledge receipt of the return within 48 hours after being transmitted.

Season ending

Emerald Kidsports basketball season will end with the McDonald's Kids Klassic championship tournament to be held later this month, and volunteers are needed for the event.

The tournament will be held Feb. 19, 22 and 23, and March 1, 7 and 8.

The event will include games for all boys and girls teams grades three through eight. To volunteer or get information on the tournament's location, call Kidsports offices at 683-2373 or 746-0403.